

PUBLIC NOTICE

Combined Preliminary Notice of Potential Impact on Important Resources, and Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

Spring City Borough

Chester County

The USDA, Rural Development has received an application for financial assistance from Spring City Borough, Chester County. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Development has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed request. This notice announces the availability of this Environmental Assessment for public review and comments.

The proposed project involves improvements to the current sewage treatment plant. These improvements consist of adding an aerobic sludge digester, two (2) circular clarifiers, a reaction tank, an ultra-violet disinfection system and an influent meter. Installation of valves, yard piping, modifications to existing clarifiers and increasing the first and second stage trickling filter media depth from 3 ft. to 9 ft.

If implemented, the proposed projects may affect floodplains. The alternatives considered include: treatment at Spring City waste water treatment plant (WWTP) through an upgrade of the plant involving the installation of the Co-Mag process or the replacement of various WWTP processes with a Sequencing Batch Reactor, ultraviolet disinfection and a new sludge treatment. Other alternatives would be treatment at the East Vincent Township Veterans Center Wastewater Treatment Plant through expansion of the new plant or Community Treatment Facilities. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion and request comments concerning the proposed projects, alternative sites, or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.

The applicant will comply with the following mitigation measures:

1. Appropriate County approved Erosion and Sedimentation mitigation measures will be implemented to minimize potential water quality degradation caused by temporary construction activities.
2. All E & S controls will be maintained during the construction process.
3. All proposed unit processes will be elevated above the 100 year flood plain.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be obtained at:

USDA, Rural Development, Lehigh Area Office
2211 Mack Boulevard
Allentown, PA 18103-5623

For further information contact Sean McElroy, Area Specialist at (610)791-9810, extension 115.

Any person interested in commenting on the proposed project should submit comments to the address below by (have newspaper insert a date that is 30 days from the first publication date)!

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